PPD Busts Farley Square Drug Dealers after Neighbors' Tips

by **Cyn Mackley** — 6 hours ago in **Public Safety**

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concerned residents led Portsmouth police straight to a vehicle parked in the Farley Square public housing complex.

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According to police reports, officers were dispatched to Robinson Avenue after receiving two separate complaints about a man allegedly selling drugs from a vehicle in the area.

When officers arrived, they made contact with the occupants and ultimately took a man and woman into custody.

Police also arranged to have the vehicle towed from the scene.

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🚓 MULTIPLE FELONY CHARGES FILED

Police arrested Laura Hossman and charged her with:

- Trafficking in Drugs
- Possession of Drugs
- Possessing Criminal Tools
- Having Weapons While Under Disability

Christopher Brantley was charged with:

- Having Weapons While Under Disability
- Trafficking in Drugs

Both were booked into the Scioto County Jail.

👀 A FAMILIAR NAME

Court records show this isn't Brantley's first recent drug case.

He was arrested in May on charges related to drug trafficking and drug abuse.

Records also indicate trafficking charges were filed against him in March.

Now prosecutors will be adding another set of drug-related charges to that growing list.

⚖️ WHAT IS A "WEAPON UNDER DISABILITY"?

Many readers are surprised by that charge.

Under Ohio law, certain people are prohibited from possessing firearms because of prior felony convictions, specific criminal histories, or other legal restrictions.

When someone who is legally barred from possessing a firearm is found with one, prosecutors can pursue a charge of Having Weapons While Under Disability.

🏠 WHY NEIGHBOR COMPLAINTS MATTER

Drug investigations often begin with citizen complaints.

Residents who notice suspicious activity frequently provide the first information that leads police to open an investigation.

In this case, officers received two separate calls about alleged drug activity before responding to the area.

Whether those tips prove accurate will ultimately be determined through the court process.

For now, two people are facing serious felony charges after police say a drug investigation in Farley Square led to arrests, a vehicle tow, and the seizure of evidence.

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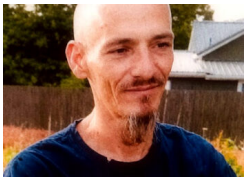

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Portsmouth police were busy overnight handling multiple incidents across the city, from disorderly conduct to warrant arrests and after-hours park checks.

🚔 Disorderly Conduct on Scioto Trail

Around 2 p.m., officers responded to a call on Scioto Trail, taking a homeless woman into custody for disorderly conduct.

- She was booked into the Scioto County Jail.
- Court later dismissed the case, and she was released.
- Records show prior arrests for criminal trespass, drug abuse, drug conveyance into a detention facility, multiple disorderly conduct charges, and theft.

This incident highlights how low-level offenses involving homelessness or mental health often result in brief jail stays, leaving officers to encounter the same individuals repeatedly.

🌙 After-Hours Park Check at Alexandria Point

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Shortly after 2:30 a.m., officers were called to Alexandria Point following reports of people in the park after hours.

- Police found a man with an active warrant.
- A firearm was seized and a vehicle was towed.
- The man was taken into custody on charges of Failure to Appear, Probation Violation, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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